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The ermine has been cast aside for the time being and the law offices of this city are generally deserted today, while their occupants are engaged in the pleasant task of entertaining the justices of the United States Supreme Court and those of the Court of Appeals and the District Supreme Court on the greensward at Marshall Hall. The occasion is the annual

the erstwhile dignified and severe judges and their lawyer hosts have relaxed their dignity for the nonce and are enjoying themselves in "the good, old-fashloned way," with base ball games and other sports. On the side there are planked shad and other forms of refreshments, while the gayest of gay music fills the atmosphere about the picturesque old river resort.

"The Good Old Summer Time." It was only one of a repertoire of original songs and skits.

Conductor Injured.

Edward Clark, employed as a conductor on the East Capitol street line, was knocked

The occasion is described in a good-fellowship song written especially for the occasion as "The Good Old Shad-bake Time," and the poet declares there will be "singing, joking, drinking and smoking." That there will be "no thinking, no work-ing, but fun never shirking." He also de-

Given in Convention Hall Last

Night.

SPLENDID WORK OF CHORUS

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MISS ALYS BENTLEY DIRECTOR

She Held Her Force Under Bemarkable Control-The United States Marine Band Assisted.

Festival is the proper name to apply to the exhilarating children's concert at the Convention Hall last evening, when eight hundred or more boys and girls of the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools gave a joyous exhibition of their delight in

The children's song festival last evening was the second of its kind, a similar concert having first been given in the same hall last spring, and the excellence of both concerts and the undoubted joy of the children in the music bid fair to establish the May festival as an annual event to which the entire musical life of the school will

Every seat in Convention Hall was crowd ed and there is every indication that the repetition of the concert this evening will bring out more of the parents and friends of the fifty thousand children who are learnng the beauty of song.

Miss Bentley Conducted.

Miss Alys Bentley, the director of music, conducted the concert, being escorted to the leader's stand by Superintendent A. T. Stuart. She was assisted by the United States Marine Band, Lieut. Santelmann himself directing the band and also the song marked on the program as selected for the children's chorus. It proved to be "Dixie." The audience, as usual in this city, went wild when the volume of all those boys and

girls' voices leaped out in a vigorous, spirited, free lauding of Dixie land.

At the planos and organ for the principal accompaniments were Miss S. T. Mason, Mrs. Frank Bryan and Mr. H. P. Hoover.

It is understood that the proceeds from the concerts will be detected to the Trees. the concerts will be devoted to the Teachers' Aid and Annuity Association, which through an efficient committee, has con-trolled and managed all the practical and Hardly had the congesting currents of people from all sections of the city become fairly seated than with military promptness the band struck up Weldon's "Our Lit-tle Soldiers." and from the dressing rooms the Soldiers." and from the dressing rooms there began to file in long lines of little girls in true springtime dresses of white, and almost equally long lines of alert but music-trained boys. Marching the entire length of Convention Hall, they took their places at the south end upon a stage which raised tier upon tier presented when all the white-gowned girls were in their places in front and the boys collected in the rear lines a spectacle of Washington child-types not to be seen without pride.

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Every note had been memorized, and the director came before the singers without a score. At once it could be seen, as well as heard and felt, that there was one domi-

Sang With Precision and Unity.

The children sang with a precision, sense of rhythm, a complete unity of tone which tells volumes for the training of the class room teachers, of the supervising music teachers and of the perfection of department direction.

When the reed-like quality of a child's undeveloped voice is remembered and truly appreciated, it is a matter of no small wonappreciated, it is a matter of no small won-der that such a quality of tone is attain-able as was produced last evening in the "Lost Chord," particularly there were at times an organ quality quite remarkable, and in the "Santa Lucia" and "My Mam-my's Voice," a lift and buoyancy of tone that transcended all ordinary training. It broke out also with irrepressible gayety in "Dixie."

Possibly the most noticeable characteristic in the exceptional character of the singing was the phenomenal purity of diction. Not a song in a program most va-ried and most ambitious ranging from Beethoven, Schumann, Wagner, Schubert and some of the modern American com-posers to some of the less classic but good though popular, failed in the nicest characteristics of pure intonation and clear articulation. It is almost incredible that articulation. It is almost incredible that a feature of singing in which many of the best trained voices fall to produce satisfactory effects was obtained by a chorus of school children in a striking degree. They not only sang with a conscious delight in the music and a perfectly adequate technical training, but a degree of culture which made the English a special charm.

The Marine Band.

The Marine Band played an interesting arrangement of "The Pilgrim's Chorus" and the "Evening Star" and a striking waitz, "The Debutante," by Santelmann. Lively and rhythmical, it was hailed with delight by the children, and as an encore an eccentric, amusing arrangement of

Possibly one of the strongest impressions made by the concert is the realization it gives of musical education given to the students. It is not merely that the absolute adherence to pitch, the control of certain effects of movement and emphasis as shown in the "Fairy Lullaby," and the general musical conception shown in subtle interpretations, all of which shows Miss Bentley to be an exceptional director, but the character of the selections themselves proves that the children are being led to an appreciation of the best in various phases and kinds of music, and that a taste for the good which repudiates the poor and flashy is becoming a possession of every school child. With such an acquaintanceship with musical compositions it will be impossible in the future for the public to applicant the foolish and trivial.

The Program.

The entire program given is as follows: March, Our Little Patriots, Weldon, U. S. Marine Band; Larghetto, Beethoven, arranged from Second Symphony by Edgar Stillman Kelley; school songs (by request)—
(a) Spirit of Summer Time, old Irish; (b) Hey Baloo, Schumann; (c). Spring Song, Vogel; (d) Santa Lucia, Italian Boat Song; (e). Tenting on the Old Camp Ground, Kittridge. My Heart's in the Highlands, Jensen; Pilgrim's Chorus and Evening Star, Wagner, U. S. Marine Band; The Starry Sky, Constance Tippett; Our Soldiers, Raff, arranged by Henry Glibert; Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, with semi-chorus, Wagner; (a) Hark! Hark! the Lark! Schubert; (b). Fairy Lullaby, Helen Beach; The Lost Chord, Sullivan; The Debutante Walts, Santlemann, U. S. Marine Band; My Mammy's Voice, Harvey W. Loomis; song, selected; Holy! Holy! Handel; America, U. S. Marine Band and chorus. ranged from Second Symphony by Edgar

Yacht Sybilla on Cruise.

The handsome yacht Sybilla of Philadelphia, belonging to Mr. John F. Bets of that city, came into port yesterday and berthed at the 10th street wharf of the American Conductor Injured.

Edward Clark, employed as a conductor on the East Capitol street line, was knocked from his car this morning while on 14th street near New York avenue and was seriously hurt. He was on the running board of his car and came in contact with a Capital Traction car. He was taken to the Emergency Hospital, where the surgeons made an examination and found he was ma

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G. F. POLLOCK TO BE ASSISTANT LAND OFFICE COMMISSIONER.

John H. Fimple, after several years' service as assistant commissioner of the general land office, has resigned his position and returned to resume the practice of law



Geo. F. Pollock Nominated to Be Assistant Commissioner of the

at his home, Carrollton, Ohio. Mr. Fimple was a most acceptable assistant commissioner of that office, and his resignation is cause of universal regret among its officers and employes, to all of whom he was helpful and companionable.

George F. Pollock, who has just been nominated to succeed Mr. Fimple as assistant commissioner of the general land office. is forty-five years of age. In his early life he was deprived of the advantages of even a common school education. His father, a coal miner of small means, with a large family of dependent children, was forced by his necessities to put his son to work in the mines at the age of twelve, where he was compelled to remain until he was nineteen years old to aid in the support of his younger brothers and sisters. After leaving the coal mines Mr. Pollock worked as a ing the coal mines Mr. Pollock worked as a common farm hand during the summers of the ensuing three years, and spent the winters attending the village school, four miles from his home, to and from which he walked each day.

In 1884 the late President McKinley, then a member of Congress, obtained Mr. Pollock's appointment as a watchman in the Capitol grounds in this city, and having in

Capitol grounds in this city, and having in the meantime pursued his studies at night, he later took the examination prescribed for a clerkship, and in 1886 was appointed to a \$1,000 position in the War Department, under Colonel, now General, Ainsworth, by whom he was soon promoted to \$1,200, and with whom he remained until he was transferred to the general land office and assigned to duty in the mineral division in 1890. He was successively promoted through the various grades of service in that divis-ion, until he was made a principal examiner of land claims and contests in 1897, at a salary of \$2,000 a year. In 1902 he was transferred to the Interior Department as an assistant attorney, where he remained until he was later transferred to the general land office, and made chief of the special service division, the most important cial service division, the most important division in that office. Mr. Pollock, being a man of executive ability, soon reorganized his division and brought it to a state of efficiency it had never before known; and it has been largely through his immediate direction and untiring efforts that many efficiency it had never before known; and it has been largely through his immediate direction and untiring efforts that many land frauds have been discovered by the seventy-five special agents under his charge. His salary as assistant commissioner will be \$3,500 a year.

In addition to other official duties Mr. Pollock is at present chairman of one of the most important subcommittees of the the most important subcommittees of the

Big Electric Trust Formed.

A gigantic electric properties trust, controlled by the Ryan interests, was incorporated in New York yesterday with a capital stock of \$12,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 is preferred and \$6,000,000 common. Assoclated with Thomas F. Ryan in the tremendous enterprise are John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Panama canal ommission; Paul D. Cravath, Frederick D. Underwood, W. A. Essylton and other capitalists and engineers. The trust announces its purpose to acquire, finance and develop properties, especially those in which electricity plays an important part, such as power, electric traction and electric lighting enterprises. The corporation will also invest and deal in and guarantee the securities of corporations owning and operating such properties.

The following officers were elected at the first meeting of the new corporation yesterday: President, John F. Wallace, former chief egineer of the Panama canal; vice presidents, George C. Smith and P. F. Thompson; secretary and treasurer, W. A. Essylton. The executive committee selected is as follows: Charles H. Allen, Paul D. Cravath, N. W. Halsey, Frederick Underwood and Robert B. Cortlandt. talists and engineers. The trust announces

Countees Wants Absolute Divorce. The Castellane case was taken up again in Paris late yesterday afternoon for the purpose of learning if it was possible to reconcile the parties. Both Count Boni and the countess, formerly Anna Gould of New York, appeared in court. The

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HOSPITAL'S HEAD PHYSICIAN TO BE SUPERINTENDENT.

A change in the policy of management of the Emergency Hospital was decided upon yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the board of directors. The change results from the resignation of Miss Irene Lenig, the superintendent for several years.

It was determined by the board that the head house physician of the hospital, instead of the head nurse, shall be the superintendent, and Dr. Charles S. White, the head pysician, was then made superintendent. Miss Lenig's successor will be known as superintendent of nurses. To that position Miss Bertha Orlo-Smith was appointed. Dr. White is not a stranger in this city. He has been practicing medicine since 1898, and first served in George Washington Hos-pital and later in the Columbia Hospital, in this city. He went to New York city and, after two years in a leading hospital there, returned here three years ago and was ap-pointed to the Emergency Hospital. Miss Orlo-Smith, superintendent of nurses.

was chosen from several applicants. She has been practicing her profession for a number of years, was superintendent of the Memorial Hospital, in Brooklyn, and later held a similar position in a private hospital.

Mr. W. J. Boardman presided at the meeting yesterday, and Dr. G. Brown Miller acted as secretary. The recommendation of the attending staff, which was finally conclusion was reached that the transfer of the superintendency from the head nurse to the head physician will ultimately prove

DEMANDS INVESTIGATION.

Mrs. Gorum Still Believes Her Mother Was Murdered.

Members of the local police force who heard the story of Mrs. Nettle Gorum concerning the death of her mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Yingling, at her home, near Della, Frederick county, Md., under alleged suspicious circumstances, as stated in yesterday's Star, are of the opinion that the absence of the jewelry and money described justifies the making of a rigid investigation. Information has been received here from Frederick to indicate that an inquest was held by a justice of the peace, and the verdict of the jury was that Mrs. Yingling dled from natural causes. It is stated, however, that there was no autopsy performed, and that the jury adopted the suggestion of Dr. Rouston that the woman probably died of heart disease.

Dr. Rouston is reported as having stated that the woman might have died of poison. The condition of the body was such, it is stated, that it would have been an unpleas ant task to have given it a thorough ex-amination. So far as could be ascertained here there was no suggestion of murder made to Dr. Rouston or the jury at the time the body was found last Sunday or at the time the inquest was held. Mrs. Gorum did not reach Della until after the interment of the body, and she had to rely upon the statements of relatives and friends for the statements of relatives and friends for information about the condition of affairs

in the house. Referring to a statement that several deaths had occurred in the family from heart disease, Mrs. Gorum said to a Star reporter today that there had been only one death in the family from that disease Her aunt, she stated, died of heart disease about ten years ago after she had been a sufferer for several years. Her mother, she said, never complained of trouble with her heart. There was nothing the matter with her mother's health, she said, and only an autopsy will satisfy her that her death was not due to violence. Admitting that her death was due to natural causes, said Mrs. Gorum, she would like to hear some explanation offered for the disap-pearance of the money and jewelry. Her four-year-old boy was the only person in the house with her mother after her father was taken to the Frederick Hospital. He was there with a pet dog, and, as stated yesterday, was found there Sunday morning when Edgar C. Loy and his wife ar-

rived.

Mr. Loy went to the window of the room in which the dead body lay and saw through the window that the woman was dead and that her body was greatly dis-colored. The tongue protruded from the mouth, and turning toward his wife he remarked: "Your mother has been mur-

dered."

Mrs. Loy ran from the house screaming, but she recalled that the child was in there and returned. The child was lifted through the window and neighbors were told of the conditions which existed in the house. A constable was summoned and Dr. Rouston also appeared. Then the jury assembled and held the inquest.

Mrs. Gorum is not satisfied with the result of the investigation and she will send a message to the state's attorney of Frederick county, asking that a thorough investigation be made.

Undue Influence Alleged. A caveat was today filed to the probate of an alleged will of James W. Pumphrey. dated October 19, 1867, by his sister, Margaret Thomas and two nephews, Dennis

M. Pumphrey and Edwin P. Pumphrey. M. Pumphrey and Edwin P. Pumphrey.

It is charged in the caveat that undue influence was used on Mr. Pumphrey to secure the execution of the will, and that he had afterwards revoked it. The caveators say that their interests as heirs-at-law will be adversely affected by the admission of the alleged will.

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KILLING FROST IN MIDDLE WEST

Fruit Crop in Sections of Michigan Damaged. A heavy frost, which was killing in many

sections, was general all over Michigan Wednesday night. It caused much destruction among fruit trees and shrubs which were in blossom. Especially heavy damage is said to have been caused strawberries and peaches. Prof. F. A. Fletcher of the horticultural department of the Michigan Agricultural College, at Lansing, said yesterday over the telephone that advices to him from an area in the fruit belt extending from Benton Harbor to a point about sixty miles north of Grand Rapids indicate that the neach cherry and numerous are nearly

Dispatches from different parts of Ohio indicate that the damage to vegetation by frost Wednesday night will be heavy. At some places there was a hard freeze. In some places there was a hard freeze. In Geauga county, in the vicinity of Chardion there was a heavy fall of sleet, and it laid on the ground early yesterday from one to two inches thick. At Chagrin Falls a snow-storm prevailed, and then came a freezeup. There was a heavy frost throughout Ashtabula county, and ice formed in many places. The frost in the vicinity of Upper Sandusky was so heavy that the fields looked as though snow had fallen.

Powers United Over Chinese Customs. Telegraphing from Peking May 11, the correspondent of the London Times says: "A meeting of diplomats was held today to consider the customs edict. Nothing was done, pending the arrival of instructions from the several capitals; but there are sat-isfactory indications that the powers will make common cause on the matter. It is no secret that the money is wanted by the Chinese government for the army, and revenues from raflways and customs are the easiest accessible. In a dispatch from Tokio to the London Daily Telegraph it is asserted that China is about to bring off a coup d'etat with re-gard to the organization of all the railways in the empire.

WILBUR HAWXHURST DEAD.

Post Office Official the Victim of Can-

Mr. Wilbur Hawxhurst of this city died yesterday at his residence, 224 P street northwest, of cancer. Mr. Hawxhurst had been in the service of the city post office for a number of years, and at the time of his death was an employe at station G. He was at one time a teacher in the public schools of the city. He came from Virginia, having been born at Fairfax Court House in 1865. He was a son of Job Hawxhurst of Fairfax county. He leaves a wife, for-merly Miss Brunger, and two children. He was a member of the First Congregational Church and assistant superintendent of the Funeral services will be held at the fam-

ily residence at 2 oclock p.m. tomorrow. Interment will be at Fairfax C. H. at 4:30 Gridiron Club Treasurer Elected.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Gridiron Club today Mr. Louis Garthe was elected treasurer to succeed Mr. George H. Walker, deceased. **\*** 

Did you ever Grape-Nuts for Breakfast?

"There's a Reason."

bar, the special guests being the justices mentioned. The party started on their call down the Potomac this morning.

Advices from Marshall Hall indicate that the judges are all boys again, and every one feels fine; no motions overruling now, and that's a very good sign."

This song was rendered with good effect by the judges and lawyers to the air of the sign of